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WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 5,000,000
CAPITAL CALLED-UP 2,500,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Wm. Kewick, Esq., Chairman.
Adolf von Arnim, Esq., F. D. Sassoon, Esq.,
Egbert Iverson, Esq., H. D. Stewart, Esq.,
David McLean, Esq.

HONGKONG COMMITTEE:
The Hon. J. J. Kewick, J. The Hon. C. P. Chater,
H. Hopplius, Esq.

Head Office—3, Princes Street, London.
Branches—Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, and
Shanghai.
Agents—Peking, Singapore, and Yokohama.

RATES OF INTEREST.
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained
on application.

CHARTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [199]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

LATE
THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE
BANK OF INDIA, LONDON
AND CHINA.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL 5,000,000
SUBSCRIBED 2,500,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorized Capital 1,000,000
Subscribed Capital 500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.,
H. Suterloft, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches—London, Yokohama, Shanghai,
Amoy and Peking.

BANKERS:—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Parrs Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ltd.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 3 " " 3 " "

CURRENT ACCOUNTS 2 " "
Hongkong, 27th April, 1893. [18]

Insurance.

THE STANDARD
A SCOTTISH LIFE OFFICE OF 64 YEARS
STANDING, AND ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST
AND MOST PROGRESSIVE OF THE PROVI-
DENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED
KINGDOM.

THE Standard has a long record of good
services to refer to. Its Funds, annually
increasing, amount to £7,000,000. The
Premiums are moderate, and all modern features
consistent with safety have been adopted.
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong.
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General Notice.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL, TAELS 500,000. \$500,000.
RESERVE FUND \$100,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
LEE SING, Esq., LO YUEN MOON, Esq.,
LOO TAO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES in all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRINCE STREET,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [186]

Notice.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIM YUEN,
Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 21st February, 1893. [173]

Insurance.

ST. JOHN & L. O. G. E.

OF HONGKONG,
No. 618, S.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the Freemasons
Hall, Zealand Street, on FRIDAY, the 12th
Instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. meeting. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 6th May, 1893. [140]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the
CITY HALL, TO-MORROW, the 11th
day of May, at 3 P.M., for the purpose of
considering and determining upon the formation
of a LOCAL ASSOCIATION, having for its
object the obtaining for the INHABITANTS OF
HONGKONG INCREASED POWERS in the
MANAGEMENT of all LOCAL AFFAIRS.

JNO. J. FRANCIS,
Chairman, Provisional Committee.
Hongkong, 25th April, 1893. [195]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of
"THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY, LIMITED," will be held at the OFFICES
of the COMPANY, No. 2, Queen's Road Central,
Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on FRIDAY,
the 26th day of May, 1893, at 2 o'clock in the
Afternoon, when the subjoined Resolution, which
was passed at the Extraordinary General
Meeting of the Company held on the 1st day
of May, 1893, will be submitted for confirmation
as a Special Resolution:

That the first Subsection of Article 103 of the
Articles of Association of The China Fire
Insurance Company, Limited, with its
marginal note, be amended, and that in
lieu thereof the following Subsection and
marginal note be inserted, viz:—

Investment of Funds.—It may invest the Funds of the
Company in or upon English, Indian,
and Hongkong Government Stocks,
Bonds, and Funds, and in or upon the
Stocks, Bonds, Funds, and Securities of
any Foreign Government, Country, or
State, and upon Mortgage of freehold
or leasehold property in Hongkong or
elsewhere, and in or upon deposits
with or loans at interest to any Banking
Institutions wherever established, and
in or upon such other Securities as it
may in its discretion think fit, and may
from time to time convert or realize any
monies so invested and re-invest the
same in or upon any of the Securities
aforesaid as occasion requires.

By Order of the Board,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 2nd May, 1893. [126]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

AFTER this date NO FULLY PAID-UP
SHARES of this Company will be
TRANSFERRED on which the Calls on the
NEW SHARES standing in the same Name
remain unpaid.

By Order,
R. LYALL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [144]

NOTICE.

DIVING.

AN experienced man seeks an engagement
as a DIVER, either as an "OPERATIVE"
or in charge of a DIVING PARTY.
Fully acquainted with all latest improvements
in Sub-marine Craft, Telephone, Lamp-work,
&c.
Slebe and Gorman's apparatus (Double or
Single Pump) can be provided.
Breakwater and Pier Work a Specialty.
The Salvage of Cargo and Removal of
Wrecks undertaken in any locality.
Reference regarding work executed in the
North Atlantic, Mediterranean and China Seas
can be seen.

DETONATOR,
c/o Office of the Hongkong Telegraph.
Hongkong, 25th April, 1893. [118]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORITY OF THE ITALIAN
CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most
respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of
Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind
patronage and support, and desires to state that
she will be pleased to receive orders for all
kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Collars
and Cuffs renewed on old ones.
Children's and Children's Underclothing,
Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery,
Materials can be supplied, if required.
The Superiors will also be most grateful for
any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made into
Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who
are taught by the Sisters.
Hongkong, 22nd April, 1893. [193]

THE MIKE COAL MINING COMPANY.

THE MIKE COAL is a
BITUMINOUS COAL

of dark reddish colour. For steam purposes
it has been pronounced to be the best and the
most economical of all the Japanese Coals. Its
export is increasing yearly, and the opinion
expressed by several of the largest regular
consumers is in testimony of the excellent
qualities of this coal.

Attention is called to the following advantages:
To Ship Owners and Captains, who can load their
bunkers direct from the Underpiled.

FRESHNESS of the coal.

UNIFORMITY of quality.

FREEDOM from impurities.

Supply in any quantity on shortest notice.

Quick despatch.

BEST of freight, etc., etc.

For full particulars as to prices, &c.,
Apply to
KING WO CHEONG,
No. 24, PRINCE STREET,
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1893. [187]

COAL MERCHANTS, SHIPS COMPRA-
DORES, STEVEDORES, &c.

Have for Sale a cargo of pure AKAIKI COAL,
or GODOWN and SHIP.

MR. J. W. HOYLE, Superintendent at
Kowloon Dock, reports that AKAIKI
COAL GIVES TEN PER CENT. BETTER
RESULTS than any Japanese Coal he has ever
used.

Intimations.

W. BREWER.
QUEEN'S ROAD.

SLAZENGER'S DEMON TENNIS BATS.
CHAMPION TENNIS BATS.
ALLIANCE TENNIS BATS.
WIMBLEDON TENNIS BATS.
FAVORITE, FALCON, &c.
SPECIAL BLACK GUT BATS. AYRES' REGULATION TENNIS BALLS.
SLAZENGER & SONS' 1893 BALLS. FAULTLESS UNDERSEWN and other BALLS.
FOOTBALLS. BOYS' CRICKET SETS. PARLOUR SKITTLES and other Games.
TENNIS BELTS for Ladies and Gentlemen.
TENNIS SHOES (Resilient) both Ladies and Gentlemen.
GUIDE TO HONGKONG, CANTON and MACAO.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.
Hongkong, 7th April, 1893. [149]

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

SALTERS' CELEBRATED BLACK GUT
TENNIS BATS.
AYRES' 1893 CHAMPIONSHIP
TENNIS BALLS.
SALTERS' ALL BUCK RED RUBBER
TENNIS SHOES.
TENNIS NETS AND POLES.
KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 6th April, 1893. [17]

W. ROBINSON & CO.
(UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL) HONGKONG.

PIANO TUNING.
SATISFACTORY WORK GUARANTEED.

SINGLE TUNING \$1.00.
6 TUNINGS A YEAR \$5.00 PER ANNUM.
12 do. do. \$8.00 do.

INCLUDING MINOR REPAIRS AND THE KEEPING OF THE PIANO IN GOOD
ORDER AND CONDITION.

PIANOS BOUGHT, SOLD OR TAKEN IN EXCHANGE, PACKED, REMOVED AND
STORED.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1893. [151]

W. POWELL & CO.

EX S.S. "GLENFALLOCH."

FURTHER SHIPMENT OF LADIES AND CHILDREN'S

STRAW HATS,

SPECIALITIES IN LADIES COLOURED

STRAW HATS AND BONNETS.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1893. [16]

THE

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremia"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Paddocks Wharf
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping
Offices.

The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.
The TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the prices being
under strictest supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications.
The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, well-fitted public
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.
A handsomely appointed GILL ROOM, where champagne, wine, &c., are served at any hour
adjacent to the Hotel, and is under the same Management.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.
HYDRAULIC ASCENDING ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are constantly on duty.

R. TUCKER,
Manager.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1892. [108]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

FOR SALE.

BLACK GUT TENNIS BATS.

CELLULOID HANDLED TENNIS BATS.

AYRES' TENNIS BALLS, "CHAMPION" and "WIMBLEDON."

Lane, Crawford & Co.'s "OLYMPIA" TENNIS BALLS.

STEAM-TANNED TENNIS NETS, TENNIS POLES.

"CAVENDISH" SETS, POLES and NETS.

TENNIS SHOES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Hongkong, 4th May, 1893. [189]

Intimation.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ALL MEMBERS of the VOLUNTEER
ARTILLERY CORPS are requested to
meet at the VOLUNTEER HEAD QUARTERS, on
FRIDAY, the 11th Instant, from 5 to 6.30 P.M.
for the purpose of being SWORN in under the
new Volunteer Act.
All new Members proposed for the Battery
should also attend.

F. JERRARD,
Acting Commandant,
Hongkong Volunteer Corps.
Hongkong, 9th May, 1893. [146]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE SHORT RANGE CUP and SPOONS
will be shot for on SATURDAY, the
11th inst. Ranges, 200 and 300 yards. Time,
3 P.M.

ED. ROBINSON,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 8th May, 1893. [151]

THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS,
(Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street).

THE Underigned has always thought that
such a place as this was the one thing
needed to fit in between Horze, Liza and the
PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE—providing it be
first-class in every detail. A place where one
may have his GRILLED CHOP or STEAK
at any hour of the Day, up to 11 P.M., or later
if notice be given. He is also prepared to
SUPPLY MEALS to PRIVATE PARTIES
for Menu or Order—the Parties sending
Dishes, &c., for same—and Cash; Scale on
application.

Monthly Board for One Person \$15.00
Tipin \$15.00

AMERICAN FROZEN OYSTERS always
on hand and served in every Style.

Breakfast \$0.50
Tipin \$0.75
Dinner \$1.00

SPECIAL TIFINS and DINNERS served
in Excellent Style at short notice.

W. THOMAS,
Proprietor.
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1893. [152]

STEAM WATER-BOATS.

SHIPS Supplied with FRESH WATER for
BOILERS and DOMESTIC PURPOSES
with despatch.

J. W. KEW & Co.,
2nd Floor,
18, PRINCE CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 20th April, 1893. [153]

CAPTAIN CH. ROBINSON,
COAL CONTRACTOR.

COMPRADORE and STEVEDORE.

SHIPS VISITING MANILA SUPPLIED
WITH PROVISIONS, DUNNAGE, &c.
WATER and BALLAST BOATS.

Manila, 14th March, 1893. [154]

DR. KNORR'S
LION BRAND
ANTIPYRINE.

(DOSE FOR ADULTS—15 TO 35 GRAINS TROY.)
IS the most approved and most efficacious
remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MI-
GRAINE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM,
FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE,
ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and
many other complaints. It is also the very
best Antiseptic. Highly recommended by the
Medical Faculty. Ask for DR. KNORR'S
ANTIPYRINE! Each Tin bears the inventor's
signature "Dr. KNORR" in red letters.

"DERMATOL" is the best Vulnerary; its
effect in stimulating the closing up of Wounds,
is described as amazing.
To be had at every reputed Chemist and
Druggist.

Supplies constantly on hand at the China
Export, Import, and Bank Co.—Sole Agents for
China.

Beware of spurious imitations.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1893. [1406]

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE,
STANLEYFIELD'S—1, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

VACANCIES FOR GENTLEMEN or MAR-
RIED COUPLES at Moderate Rates.

MR. STANLEYFIELD,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1892. [149]

BOARD and RESIDENCE

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED or UN-
FURNISHED ROOMS, with Board and
Table Accommodation.

Apply to
Mrs. MATHER,
2, Paddocks Hill.
Hongkong, 25th February, 1893. [156]

KOCH'S PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE,
No. 30, STANLEY STREET.

BOARD and LODGING, Per Day ... \$1.50

BOARD (TIFIN and DINNER) Per ... \$2.50

Month \$30.00
Hongkong, 24th March, 1893. [1570]

NOTICE.

THE Underigned begs to notify the Public
that he has bought from the Official
Trustee the GOODWILL and STOCK-IN-
TRADE of the TEEN VIK OIL SHOP, No. 44,
Bonham Street West, and that he will
carry on the same Business in the same place
and under the same Style.

MOW TACK.
Hongkong, 14th April, 1893. [1454]

油牛谷天德

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"ENERGIA."

Stokes, Commander, will be despatched for the
above Port on or about THURSDAY, the 18th
May, instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 29th April, 1893. [1509]

Shipping.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANTOO.
THE Company's Steamship.

"THALES."

Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 11th Instant,
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 10th May, 1893. [1544]

FOR KOBE.

THE Steamship

"TORRIDON"

will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the
11th Instant.

For Freight, apply to
JOHN ANDREW,
18, PRINCE CENTRAL,
Agent.
Hongkong, 8th April, 1893. [1539]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, LONDON, HAMBURG
AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"DENBIGHSHIRE."

Captain Vyvyan, will be despatched as above
on or about the 12th May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1893. [1537]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at MACAO, TYBOR, PORT DARWIN, and
QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through
Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND,
TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"MENMUIR."

Captain Craig, will be despatched for the above
Ports on SATURDAY, the 13th May, at Day-
light.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted
for Passengers, and has large Cooling Chan-
nels, thus ensuring a supply of Fresh Meat,
Ice, &c., throughout the voyage. A fully qualified
Sergeant and Stewards are carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 29th April, 1893. [1516]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR."

Captain J. E. Hansen, will be despatched for the
above Ports on TUESDAY, the 16th Instant, at
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 9th May, 1893. [1547]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR HONOLULU.

THE Company's Steamship

"MIKE MARU

Intimations.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

AERATED WATERS.

WATER.—The Water used is absolutely pure.

STEAM PLANT.—Of the latest and most powerful type.

SUPERVISION.—The whole process of manufacture is under the continuous supervision of a qualified English Chemist.

The **PRODUCT.**—Will bear comparison with the Waters made by the most noted makers in England.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., LD.,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY. [38]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED WATERS.

OUR NEW FACTORY has been recently refitted with automatic Steam Machinery of the latest and most approved kind, and we are well able to compete in quality with the best English makers.

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the manufacture throughout.

"BOMBAY SODAS."

We continue to supply large bottles as heretofore, *Free of Extra Charge*, to those of our Customers who prefer to have them to the ordinary size.

COAST PORT ORDERS, whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order.

For **COAST PORTS**, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Emphes when received in good condition. Counterfoil Order Books supplied free on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is "DISPENSARY, HONGKONG." And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:—

PURE AERATED WATER
SODA WATER
LEMONADE
POTASH WATER
SELTZER WATER
LITHIA WATER
SARSAPARILLA WATER
TONIC WATER
LEMON SQUASH
GINGER ALE
RASPBERRYADE
GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
51 The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY

REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS

MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1893.

THE RATEPAYERS' MEETING.

To-morrow afternoon's meeting of rate-payers will probably decide, for the present at all events, whether Hongkong is to be longer governed solely by a compact body of officials, mostly incapable but resolute in the defence of their stupid autocracy, or by the Colonists themselves, more capable by reason of their stern training in the school of life and the struggle for existence, yet daunted and constantly warring with each other over matters which as often as not are worse than trivial. The meeting, summoned for 5 p.m. to-morrow at the City Hall, marks the first attempt to assert the right of those who provide the money to have at least a chance to express their opinions on the spending of it. Up to this point, it has been nobody's business to land the way in this praiseworthy campaign, or rather, it should have been the duty of the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council to call for some assistance, but they, too, are divided among themselves, and of very little use. So several

persons have volunteered to initiate proceedings; and if their action has been clumsy and ridiculous in some points, it is at least well meant in a good cause and worthy of all support. The whole community should do all that can be done to help on the movement, irrespective of petty or personal considerations. Let the motto be "measures, not men," and let all the Colony use every exertion in its support.

TELEGRAMS.

THE HOME RULE BILL.

LONDON, 9th May, 1893.
The House of Commons went into committee on the Home Rule Bill yesterday. Mr. Gladstone declined to say whether or not the Government would adhere to the clause retaining the Irish members in the Imperial Parliament.

TEMPORARY ECLIPSE OF MR. DAVITT.
Mr. Michael Davitt has resigned his seat in the House of Commons, owing to his bankruptcy.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END.
The Russian Press continues the rejection of the Army Bill by the Reichstag may endanger the peace of Europe, as Germany to draw attention from home politics may be induced to seek diversion in foreign complications.

ANOTHER AUSTRALIAN BANK GONE.

Through the courtesy of Mr. T. Jackson, of the H. and S. Bank, we learn that a telegram was received to-day announcing that the Bank of Victoria, Limited, has suspended payment.

Skinner's "London Banks and Connections" states that the Bank of Victoria, Limited, has its head office in Melbourne, with 63 branches and agencies, one being in London. It was established in 1852, and registered in 1853; the capital is £1,200,000 subscribed, £600,000 paid; but by some peculiarity in the redistribution of shares in 1889, there is a reserve liability of £30 on each share. The original shares were of £25 each, £5 paid; but now the shares are £10 each, £5 paid; the original balance uncalled remaining. There are about 780 shareholders. At the end of June last the reserve fund was £235,000; notes in circulation, £149,490; bills in circulation, £404,900; deposits, £5,578,241; bills receivable, and other advances, £6,376,338; the dividend for the last three half-years had been 12 percent. The latest share quotation was 2½, and the last report very favourable.

TYPHOON WARNING.

We are indebted to the courtesy of Señor Don Ortiz, the Spanish Consul at this port, for the following telegram:—
MANILA, May 10th.
There is every appearance of a typhoon in the neighbourhood.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Eminent Q.C.—I'm in deep trouble.
Old Soak—Been following your own advice, I suppose!

We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Canfield & Co.) that the "Shire" Line steamer *Glamorgan* left Singapore to-day for this port, and is due on or about the 16th inst.

A VERY entertaining little "Tale of a Dog," which we had intended for to-day's issue, is held over, as there is a possibility of the tale being waggled in a court of law. If so, there will be some fun; and if not, then we will materialise.

Generous George.—Our comrades owe me money.
Incredulous Charles.—Why, how's that?
G. George.—He owes me half of my next month's salary!

On the 6th inst. a cooile was caught removing two bottles of wine under his clothes from Ruttenberg's store in D'Arville Street, and as he had not obtained the owner's consent, nor provided himself with the necessary amount of money, (which we are informed is remarkably low for the quality of the goods) he was brought before Mr. Wodehouse at the Magistracy to-day and sent to goal for six weeks.

We note with satisfaction that the management of the Hongkong Hotel has reconsidered its alleged determination to close the Queen's Road entrance to the Hotel and has again thrown that entrance open to the public. The closing of the Queen's Road entrance was a scandalous and stupid beyond comparison and the action of the management in closing that hotel is in no way a commendable one. The hotel is in no way a commendable one. The hotel is in no way a commendable one.

We learn that Mr. Hancock, the champion 30 mile walker of the world, has made arrangements with the Stewards of the Jockey Club for an exhibition on Saturday, the 13th inst. Hancock has met with flattering success from the most prominent Rajahs in India, and is called by the athletic reputation of the Straits Settlements and the Far East generally Mr. Hancock determined to try his luck in the Far East. Saturday next will enable those who seek to support genuine athletic performances in the East to advance their *Bank Notes*. Mr. Hancock has been promised the support of His Excellency the Governor.

Says the *N. C. Daily News* of May 10—A private letter from Chungking states that the city petitioned the Tientsin the other day, complaining about a Chinese named Fung Yung-fong having bought some forty cases of matches from the agents of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. and Messrs. Butterfield and Swire at Ichang, without, as had been the rule, reporting the matter to the petitioners. The object of the complaint was to point out that the firm in question had no right to sell any matches to a Chinese living in Chungking without the signature or assent of the guild. The signatories of this complaint are really directed, on the other hand, however, to recognize this claim: on the ground that, as Chungking is a treaty port, they have a perfect right to sell their goods to any one without reference to the Guild.

HARMON'S Circus left Singapore on May 2nd for Batavia.

New Corner.—Is that a Chi-see musical? Phairice.—Oh, no! That's our choir practicing a new hymn.

The "Off-day" of the Shanghai Spring Race Meeting was set for Saturday last; a capital programme consisting of eight events having been arranged.

On the 5th inst. there were a dozen merchant steamers and four sailing vessels in Amoy harbour; a very large number of vessels to be in port at the same time.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s royal mail steamer *Empress of India* arrived at Kobe at 3.30 p.m. yesterday, and left again at 11 a.m. to-day for Vancouver, via Yokohama.

The Douglas Co.'s steamer *Hallong* arrived at Amoy from Tamsui on the morning of the 5th inst., with eight thousand half-chests of Formosa tea on board. This is the first tea cargo of the season.

The German steamer *Schwebel*, which arrived at Singapore on the 1st inst. from New Guinea, reported meeting with the wreck of a Chinese junk on the 28th ult. in lat. 1° 57' S, and long 108° 55' E.

A REGULAR meeting of Perseverance Lodge No. 1165, E.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

AT THE AMOY FLOWER SHOW.
Mrs. Jones.—What is the name of this stiff, angular and rough edged plant?
Mr. J.—I forget, but it was in the German Consulate two months ago.

It is reported that the Ceylon Government has received instructions from home to raise the fee for mail steamers working at Colombo on Sundays from rupees 30 to rupees 350, the increased rate to come into force at once.

The Tokyo *Official Gazette* announces that Mr. A. Marks, Japanese Honorary Consul at Melbourne, was on April 25th the recipient of the 4th Degree of Merit and was also decorated with the 4th Order of the Rising Sun.

We understand that the China Navigation Co. (Butterfield & Swire) and the Indo-Chinese S. N. Co. (Jardine, Matheson & Co.) have declined the pay of their officers about 10 percent, dating from February 1st, and that the China Merchants S. N. Co. have now followed suit to the extent of 20 percent.

The Earl and Countess of Jersey, who are now staying at the British Legation, in Tokio, were among the guests invited to a ball given in that city by the Marquis and Marchioness Nabesima on the 20th ult. The ball was very largely attended by Japanese ladies, the majority of whom appeared in Western dress.

The Pahang correspondent of the *Straits Times* reports, under date April 25th, that five Chinese coolies had been brought before the Superintendent of the Pahang, charged with stealing gold from the Penang mines. Two of the accused were sentenced to two years, rigorous imprisonment each, and the other three were let off with one year each.

NATIVE papers report that half-tonnes of extraordinary size fell at a place about six miles distant from Weichang, called Chingchuan, on the evening of the 15th ult. The stones, which were of various sizes, were originally between five and six cubic feet, while the smallest was larger than a goose-egg. Although the storm lasted only half-an-hour, considerable damage was done.

On Saturday last, says the *Yokohama Daily Advertiser* of the 24th ult., Mr. H. J. Snow, shipped at the U. S. Consulate, Yokohama, a crew of fourteen Chinese for the schooner *Ruttenberg*. The man had been engaged for a sailing cruise in Hongkong, and arrived here by the *Humboldt* on her last trip up. The *Ruttenberg* was a schooner, built in the United States, and was originally built as a Chinese cargo vessel, but was converted into a lighter. She has since been altered to her original form, and fired out by Mr. Snow.

The largest fire experienced for the last thirty years at Tientsin is reported to have occurred on the 21st ult., at daybreak, at a place called Hopah, or north of the river, within the walls of the Victoria settlement. It was originally built as a Chinese cargo vessel, but was converted into a lighter. She has since been altered to her original form, and fired out by Mr. Snow.

It is proposed to construct a lofty bridge across the Straits of Shimonski, to connect the railway systems of Khabarovsk with those of the main land of mainland. It will be built from the railway station at Danzoo to a point nearly opposite and close to the Myofin temple, and will be 180 feet in width and not less than 300 feet above sea level. A committee of the promoters of this enterprise will shortly go to Tokio to lay the plans, etc., before the Home Office and obtain the necessary permission to start active operations without delay. The people of Shimonski claim that the construction of this bridge greatly adds to the trade and general prosperity of the port.

A PRIVATE telegram was received to Shanghai the other day from Peking stating that an influential member of the Tientsin Yamen had an interview recently with Mr. O'Connor, the chief subject under discussion being the improvement of the Wosung Bar. In connection with this, our Shanghai morning contemporary says: "It would appear that T'ing Hui-tsun, the Provincial Treasurer, who paid a visit recently to the Model Settlement with orders from Peking to examine into the condition of the Wosung River, is all likelihood had the Bar of the river also included in his programme and Chinese-like while doing so made it public that he had only come to examine the sea wall, in order, perhaps, to escape the 'Importunities of Foreign Consuls and Merchants'."

A CORRESPONDENT writes from Tientsin to our Shanghai morning contemporary under date April 29th: "The salvage of the *Gow* goes on apace; they have raised her out of the hole she dug for herself and have bodily moved her a few feet nearer the shore. Had not the chains given way at the critical moment, they would have braced her there and 'let her lie' to show the nature of the bar of the Fello, my mate that when the operation began, the people of the bottom of the river twenty-seven feet. The work, which is based on the simplest and primitive principles. The Japanese divers, who are the half and half, are applied from two big lights: one

Went the Douglas Co's steamer *Namoa* left Swatow last Thursday afternoon there was not a single foreign vessel in port—a most unusual occurrence.

The *Progrès de Saigon*, which has hitherto been published on Wednesdays and Saturdays, is about to commence publishing every day except Sundays.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s royal mail steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Kobe at 11 a.m. yesterday, and left again at 10 p.m. for this port, via Nagasaki and Shanghai.

It is reported that a party of soldiers, who had in their charge the land tax of the district of Kuangtai, while on their way to Wuchang were suddenly attacked by a gang of bandits on the 20th ult. at an inn in which they had taken up their quarters for the night. On the approach of the robbers the landlord of the inn and his two guests disappeared, but the soldiers seem to have made a stand, for it was not until they had lost more than half their number—three killed and four badly wounded—that their assailants succeeded in taking away Tls. 1,640 out of a total of Tls. 1,600.

AFFAIRS at Hankow, according to a correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News*, are just now rather unsettled so far as the native traders are concerned. On the 10th ult. a set of merchants failed with liabilities of Tls. 30,000 or thereabouts. Two general merchants then failed for Tls. 30,000 each, and a few days later a pawnshop failed with debts stated to be Tls. 18,000, followed by a firm of silk dealers with Tls. 60,000, a native produce house with Tls. 50,000, and a large bank with liabilities stated at not less than Tls. 150,000, making a total of Tls. 350,000 in one week's time. In consequence of this state of affairs nearly twenty large and well-known firms of Hankow are reported to be in difficulties.

LAST evening by invitation from Mr. McLeavy Brown, the Commissioner of Customs, a private party visited Wagon Lighthouse, the primary object of which excursion was the formal lighting of the Wagon Light by Miss Robinson, daughter of His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong. The proceedings were of an informal nature and after Miss Robinson had lighted the lamp the party adjourned to the C. C. Club, where dinner was served and a pleasant evening spent. The light was pronounced to far exceed its expected brilliancy and was pronounced by official experts from the British Navy to adequately fulfil its mission. After a pleasant evening's outing the party returned to Hongkong highly delighted with the trip and fully satisfied that the Wagon Light will answer all the purposes which have been claimed for it.

A LETTER from Ningpo reports that General Feng, Commander-in-Chief of the land and naval forces of Chekiang, left Ningpo headquarters on the 1st inst. for Fochow on business of importance with the High Provincial authorities in that city, probably with reference to a better patrolling of the hitherto disturbed highway between the two ports. The same correspondent further states that Ningpo is getting so notorious as Canton for the number of robberies committed by bands of pirates and robbers; not less than twenty cases having been reported since the beginning of the Chinese New Year, and in most cases attended with loss of life. The latest took place on the 30th ult., on a passenger boat lying within twomiles of the city walls, which was boarded by a band of masked men, numbering over thirty, who killed one of the passengers and severely wounded three of the crew. The value of the booty secured was comparatively small, being something under three hundred dollars.

MR. J. A. LEONARD, Consul General, gave judgment in the United States Consular Court at Shanghai on the 1st inst. in the suit S. C. Farnham & Co. v. T. T. "Etella." His Honour found as a matter of fact that the repairs made to the *Etella* and the stores supplied were necessary; and as a matter of law that the vessel was herself liable for these necessities. The order of the Court would be that the vessel be disposed of by means of having tenders, by the Master of the Court under the supervision of the Court to satisfy the claims. In order on the sums claimed and costs were given and would be added to the several claims. His Honour said that the wages of the crew, which of course included the Master, would have priority and would be paid in full, after which the other claims would be satisfied *pro rata*. Tenders would be levied up to the 15th inst., and the vessel would be disposed of not later than the 16th. The order of the Court would be duly reduced to writing.

AN Osaka correspondent writing to the *Yokohama Advertiser* under date April 24th says: "As the children of the Catholic Mission Orphanage, accompanied by the teachers, three in number, were returning from Dembo at about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, a party of some nine Japanese men, thinking the opportunity a good one to show their dislike to Christians and at very little risk to themselves, after using a lot of language made a sudden onslaught, scattering the children in all directions. One called Sister Juchi Fudi by the throat, and after nearly strangling her threw her down and kicked her savagely about the body. When she attempted to rise he again caught her by the throat, choked her until she was black in the face, snatched off her headress, and tore it to pieces. Fortunately the police arrived in time to prevent further mischief, and succeeded in arresting five of the ringleaders. Several of the children were badly scared and few suffering from contusions. It is to be hoped that the authorities will make an example of the offenders."

THE Nanjing correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* writes under date April 28th with reference to the death of the alleged *Kolao Hut* chief, Li Hui-tsun, who is alleged to have committed suicide on the 20th ult. and whose wife, concubine, and slave girl also followed his example; the police of the Mingtang prefectural yamen at Nanjing: It will be remembered that a year ago or more an Expectant Taoist of Nanjing, Li Hing by name, was arrested on the charge of being a leader of the *Kolao Hut*. He was a son of Li Sze-tung, a T'ingling leader, who returned to his allegiance before the collapse of the rebellion. There seems to have been no evidence against Li Hing worth consideration, but he has been kept in prison for the sake of extorting a large sum of money from him, as he is said to have been very wealthy. A few days ago, in company with two wives, he committed suicide at the place of his confinement in the Prefecture yamen. The three suicides have thus appealed to the Emperor against the injustice of the Viceroys. Feeling runs very high and the people are outspoken in their condemnation of Viceroys Liu K'un-yi. The Prefecture yamen is strongly guarded by soldiers. This step was made necessary by the report that four of the chief officers of the *Kolao Hut* were in the city, determined to make a demonstration against the Viceroys. The city is full of confusion and there grow so rapidly that it is difficult to learn just exactly what is true. Law-abiding citizens, however, who have no sympathy with the *Kolao Hut*, say that there must be an end to these murders, so more than fifty people have been put to death who in all probability were

ARNOT Reid now prints his "largest circulation in the East" in a very small type indeed. Monkeys do climb down sometimes!

The Dutch steamer *De Carpenter* brought on to Singapore on May 1st the shipwrecked crew of the German ship *Harmenda*, 21 persons all told.

SUPREME COURT.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before Mr. E. F. Ashford, Acting Chief Justice.)
May 10th.

A DISASTROUS CONTAGION.

Abdullah Khan, a bankrupt, came up for final examination. Mr. Wright (Wotton and Deacon) was for the debtor, and the creditors did not appear, personally or otherwise. Mr. Wright stated that the debtor filed his petition on the 28th Nov., 1891; the adjudication was dated 4th Dec., 1891; the first meeting of creditors, 23rd Dec., 1891; and nothing had been done since.

His lordship:—Why was not the bankruptcy followed up?
Mr. Wright:—No creditors were present at the meeting, and the bankrupt was directed to prepare a twelve months account.

His lordship:—Yes, but now fifteen months have passed.
Mr. Wright:—He has filed the account now. I really cannot tell why he did not do so before.

His lordship:—Have you proof that notice was given, as required?

Mr. Wright:—Yes; the Registrar directed advertisements to be inserted in the *Government Gazette*, the *Daily Press*, and the *Wai-see-Pao*, twice. I have copies here.
His lordship:—In this case, the bankrupt has in his petition described himself as coachman to the Hon. James Johnston Kewick, and dairyman. The schedule shows liabilities about \$3,700, mostly for money borrowed. The assets consisted chiefly of some very small debts, for milk supplied, amounting in all to about \$150; 21 goats, and 20 head of cattle, valued at about \$180. Against these there are two bills of sale, one being for \$648, and another for \$200. Also 150 catties of old horsebones, etc., which were not worth much, so that practically there were no assets for distribution whatever. I earn from the Office I assigned that no money whatever has been collected. There were also a cow and calf, unencumbered, but these realised a very small sum when sold, and that sum went in part payment of some privileged claims for wages, and nothing reached the general body of creditors.

The bankrupt attributed his losses to the death of some cows and buffaloes by disease, and to carrying on his dairy farm at a loss of about \$170 a month. The meeting of creditors required by the Ordinance has taken place, but no creditor appeared, and no creditor has even proved any debt. Under these circumstances, the Official Assignee not objecting, I see no reason—though the bankrupt has not produced any assets for the creditors—I see no reason why he should not be allowed to pass his examination. There has been no fraud, nor dishonesty, nor over-trading, and therefore he can be allowed to pass his final examination and come up for discharge in due course—14 days. Say, Friday, May 26th, at 11 a.m. Tell the bankrupt it is fortunate for him that no creditor has opposed his application, as, if any had, very possibly it might have been proved that he had carried on the business long after there was any chance of making it pay; there was in fact about \$170 a month loss. But as no creditor opposes, he can pass his examination and get his discharge.

GOVERNOR ROBINSON—TWO PICTURES.

The following items are clipped from two of our contemporaries. We leave the public to choose between them.

Sir Napier Broom, a recent issue of the *Trinidad Public Opinion* contains an article headed "Stagnation of Progress" in which the regimes of Governor Sir William Robinson and the present Governor, Sir Napier Broom, are in striking contrast. Our only interest in such a comparison is to note the difference between the energetic and progressive policy of Sir William Robinson and the stagnation of the present Governor. The writer, His Excellency is credited to the article with having a fine "disregard of the red-tape precautions under which the Government of the colony is bound to operate, and the energetic and progressive policy of Sir William Robinson and the present Governor, Sir Napier Broom, are in striking contrast. Our only interest in such a comparison is to note the difference between the energetic and progressive policy of Sir William Robinson and the stagnation of the present Governor. 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The blue books containing the American case and the counter case in the Behring Sea dispute have been issued. The false translation in the American evidence is described under the heading of "Imposture" translated upon the United States. The statement concludes thus: "In parting their position, the United States will at the same time introduce such criticisms upon or rebutting evidence to the British case as may seem called for."

William Waldorf Astor has bought the splendid estate of Cliveden, on the banks of the Thames, from the Duke of Westminster. The sum paid is said to be \$1,250,000. Cliveden is one of the ancestral seats of the Duke.

The Behring Sea Court of Arbitration was in session for six hours to-day. The proceedings were strictly private, even the secretaries were excluded.

A quarrel has broken out in the royal family in Spain, owing to the conduct of the young King's grandmother, Queen Isabella II. Queen Isabella, who is about sixty-three years of age, has taken another favorite, a young Hungarian, who for the present exercises immense influence over the aged ex-Queen. Presumably the influence of the youthful favorite has dared to insult the infant Isabella and other members of the royal family of Spain, and the result is a bitter dispute between the ex-Queen, who resides in Paris, and the other members of the royal family.

There was only one new case of cholera in the town of Lorient on Monday, but in that vicinity there were eighteen new cases and six deaths from cholera.

Rome, April 11th. Pope Leo has completed an examination of the question of the study of the Scriptures, having devoted his inquiry especially to the different opinions of savants on great biblical questions. He will write to the Bishops, requesting them to explain upon their flocks a more profound study of the Scriptures.

Hamburg, April 11th. This evening 4,000 National Liberals from Hamburg marched in a torchlight procession before Prince Bismarck's castle in Friedrichsruhe, celebrating the birthday of Prince Bismarck. After the procession Bismarck thanked them for themselves and his wife.

Lisbon, April 11th. It is officially stated that the report of the attempted assassination yesterday of King Carlos is untrue. The story had its origin in the antics of an insane few named Solomon Azevedo, who labours under the delusion that he is the brother of the King. Azevedo declares that when he approached the King it was merely for the purpose of having a conversation with him. The man had no revolver or other dangerous weapon. Azevedo was pronounced insane and taken to the asylum this morning.

Vienna, April 11th. Serbia suffered most from yesterday's earthquake. The loss of life appears to have been small. Two villages in the province of Sivilina were destroyed. The Chief Judge was killed at Jyrdinia by his house collapsing.

It is believed that these earthquakes are a continuation of the recent earthquakes in Asia Minor, which was meagrely reported, whereby the town of Milatiz, with 3,000 houses, was destroyed and 130 persons perished.

Brussels, April 11th. The Chamber of Deputies today rejected a motion looking to universal suffrage, a consequence of the council of the Labor party, and a consequence of a general strike. Thousands of socialists thronged the streets this evening shouting for universal suffrage. The guard was called out to disperse them, and after a slight skirmish the parade was stopped. All the coal mines in the Borinage district have left work.

Washington, April 11th. An adjourned session of the Supreme Court is to be held some time in May, to pass upon the constitutionality of the new law.

The court would probably have adjourned in the latter part of this month, but the Chinese Government has been anxious to have the point settled once and for all time, without needless delay. The plan, however, is not to keep the court in session any longer than need be. The law goes into operation on the 1st of May. An arrest will be made in New York at once and habeas corpus proceedings will be begun, with a view to having a hearing in New York. The case will be decided promptly and carried up to the Supreme Court, which, it is hoped, will not be preceded over everything on account of its international importance.

The Senate today confirmed the following nominations: Eden Alexander, North Carolina; Minister to Greece, Romania and Serbia; James O. Broderick, Missouri; Minister to Switzerland; Wm. T. Townes, Virginia, Consul-General at Rio de Janeiro; James E. O'Neal, of Ohio, Consul at Liverpool; Wm. T. Theaton, of Santa Fe, N. M., Governor of New Mexico.

THE TEA SEASON IN JAPAN.

The tea season, so far as foreign firms are concerned, remarks the *Japan Daily Advertiser*, may be said to have commenced yesterday when transactions took place both in Yokohama and Kobe. The arrivals of new tea in Yokohama were 1,000 cetties on the 25th, and 1,300 cetties on the 26th. On the 25th 75 cetties, which were sold at the rate of 15 yen per catty, were sent to the Washio in the Tanaka Shoten in Kobe, were sent to Yokohama, the Washio Shoten also sending 80 cetties. On the morning of the 25th the Katsumi Shoten bought 500 cetties from different merchants at the rate of 45 to 50 yen per catty. A telegram in this morning's *Yokohama* from Kobe reports the first business in new season's tea, consisting of 500 cetties purchased by the No. 34 firm (Messrs. Mouriya, Himeura & Co.) at the rate of 43 yen per catty. In Yokohama prices ranged, according to the same journal, from 40 to 42 yen, being some 4 or 5 yen higher than last year, the average of which was 43.50 on the opening day, April 27th.

SIAM NEWS.

Bangkok, 28th April, 1893.

A claim by Mr. G. Murray-Campbell against the Royal Railway Department for unnecessary delays and obstruction in carrying out the Korat contract is said to have been lodged. The sum claimed is put down at Ticals 500,000, and Mr. Campbell has named his arbitrator.

As a sample of the reciprocity existing between England and Siam we may take the interesting case of a complainant at an English Court. In the former case the foreigner is supposed to conduct his case in Siam, or bring his own interpreter. In the English Court the Siamese complainant finds an interpreter provided, and every assistance rendered him to prosecute his claim. Here is reciprocity of treatment with a vengeance; and yet it is allowed to continue with a perfect indifference to the injustice which it entails on foreigners.

The situation as regards France and Siam has so far changed since our last issue. France is consolidating her advanced position on the

Mekong, and hurrying on the telegraph line and road to Saigon. The Siamese are impressing every available man for service, and the roads are said to be entirely denuded of male workers. Guns and ammunition are being eagerly bought up, and the raw levies pushed on towards the Eastern frontier. Phya Surasak, the only capable military man of experience in Siam, is said to be of opinion that no hostilities will take place. The King is said to have voted 10,000 cetties from his private purse to be devoted to the buying of war material. It is feared that the inexperience of the Siamese commanders in the East may lead to further friction, and that any overt act of hostility on the part of the Siamese would lead to France taking severe measures. Chains and other obstacles are being hurried down to the mouth of the river with the evident intention of blocking the entrance. How the Siamese will then receive supplies from outside is difficult to see. —*Siamese Press*.

Bangkok, April 29th, 1893.

H.S.M.S. *Fylla*, with a detachment of troops fully equipped for field service, left for Bhamas, via Pachin, on Thursday. Phya See Narong (Luang Rit) is the officer in charge.

It is understood that negotiations are actively on foot for the purpose of revivifying the Bangkok Electric Light Company on a sound basis. We regret to state that Mr. T. L. Williams, who only returned here from Europe a fortnight ago, has been an inmate of the Bangkok Hospital almost ever since. Mr. Williams was seized with fever and other complications two days after his arrival.

The *Official Gazette* announces that Sanhor da Borja, the Portuguese Minister Plenipotentiary was lately here, has been decorated with the Grand Cross of the Crown of Siam, whilst Commander Gomes, of the *Diva*, and Sanhor Ferreira have respectively had conferred upon them the Orders of Commander and Officer of the White Elephant.

We take this opportunity of reiterating our opinion that drastic measures should be taken to suppress lawlessness on the part of the turbulent coolie element. We want neither a repetition of the Chinese incident of July 1887, nor yet of the more serious riots that occurred between the two leading Secret Societies in June 1889. Old residents will readily recognize that the coolie element in Bangkok—formidable if only by reason of its numbers—might well, unless repressed with strong hands, prove an important factor in the making of a real political crisis taking place. —*Bangkok Times*.

TIENSIN NOTES.

A correspondent writes to our Shanghai morning contemporary on April 21st:

Consular and official changes are as plentiful as bad smells this spring. Mr. Bieman's successor as British Consul has not yet been nominated though there is a general belief that he will be chosen from Messrs. Allen, Bittow and Sack. Baron von Seckendorff is about to leave the reproach of the German Consulate, by introducing a bride to a (hitherto) melancholy groom. The genial and popular American Consul, Dr. Bowman, is about to take a run over to Chicago to see the biggest show on earth; there is a rumour about that his retention in Tientsin is by no means incompatible with Mr. Grover Cleveland's accession to office. His residence here for another presidential period would give great satisfaction all round, and none the less so if the Deputy Assistant Consul, Mr. Bowman, Jr., remained in his important office. This gentleman is one of our coming sports and adorns the pigskin and cue in a degree highly creditable to one so young and unassuming. Mr. Vabovich has been transferred to Hankow, and on *ditto* is to be succeeded by Mr. Lepew of Peking being in present charge of the Russian interests here.

Talking of Consuls—the absence of the French and Russian officials at the von Brandt banquet was conspicuous; the smaller local here have of course to jump in the same way as the major salutory hexapods in Peking. The action of Mr. von Brandt's Audience Question was the reputed cause of the Peking officials' conduct; but surely this is the merest pretence, and is quite inadequate as an excuse for refusing to join in purely social festivities in honour of a distinguished man! It seems a pity that in our small attempts at social civility we should have dual and triple alliances with armed neutralities and all the other gigantic ton-fooleries which characterize modern Europe. It was thought that the Council of the local Deutscher Club to the Consulars and other outsiders on so interesting an occasion. Hitherto they have kept strictly to themselves in all their national and patriotic celebrations. They used to be welcome guests at the St. Andrew's celebrations, and were freely invited on the 4th of July and French days (days—but they have never retailed in kind all this occasion).

There is quite a stampede of the great and good from Peking; the greater chamber has already been crowded, both as regards the Ministers and Customs officials. Baron von der Goltz accompanied Mr. von Brandt to Corea, and there acted as groomman; he purposed after this serious and exacting duty to recuperate his strength in Japan, returning via Shanghai to accompany Baron von Schenck to Peking next May. Mr. Michie, Jr., this month leaves the Italian embassy and joins the Customs service; it is also reported that Dr. Pfeiffer has joined the Customs, but before entering on his new duties he will take a holiday at home.

The eyes and nasal offence to the north of the Sorghum is after many years of patient being dealt with by the native officials. Some hundreds of coffins with bodies in every state of decomposition have this month been unearthed from the stunted cemetery adjoining the Viceregal and Missionary Hospitals. The neighbouring cesspool has also been attended to, so that clinical cleanliness will hereafter be more of a possibility in operative surgery. There is a report that thousands of coffins have to be removed; it is to be hoped not for one day last week a Boreas gust waited a small time at this plague spot over the procession which settled down like a dark pall over the new Customs, and Bank House, and threatened sudden death to all who drew near. Was it Tom Moore who said:

"It is all the smells of all the spheres
Mingling through this foully human air."

The negotiations between our Municipal Council and the British Minister are in a less acute stage at present. Mr. O'Connor seems to have kept an open mind on the various points under discussion and to have been influenced greatly by the lucid and admirably drawn memorandum submitted to him by the Council. I do not remember seeing a more logically defined document—the clear *exposé* of the history of the question, the argumentative force of the pleading, and the overwhelming weight of the extracts from former Ministers' and Consuls' correspondence were each and all admirable and convincing.

The Minister's present position is that (1) he will take counsel on the loan question, and (2) will give forward to the proper authorities a *propos* on the subject of Victoria Park. In the meantime he will try and keep 15 yen from being put up to sale. It will be an overwhelming disgrace to British officialdom if Victoria Park—our public memorial and the single link of the Settlements—be put in halves through the petty squabbles of the Board of Works. Through

the wise generosity of the Council this plot was redeemed from being an absolute waste and disgrace, was incorporated into the Park, and is now a fine garden and promenade. The value is supposed to have risen from Tls. 3,000 to Tls. 18,000 in six years, and the unearned increment some ignoble and unsympathetic official wants to appropriate for the sake of that indigent and necessitous body—the British Government. In the present condition of the Settlement finances and the prospective necessities of the port *per se* however, it is all but impossible for the Council to raise this money, so that if the officials are obstinate, our community, and especially the juvenile part of it, will suffer an irreparable injury. We are told that it is not the function of her Majesty's government to supply recreation ground, for aliens, a very cheap and inconclusive defence of an ungenerous policy, and to which the reply is only too obvious.

The river is beginning to be a source of uneasiness again; water is less abundant than it was a month ago. The operations for raising the *Gwa* are in full swing. The Japanese expert recently engaged on the pneumatic bridge work at Lanchow having joined the salvage corps.

Much interest has been felt on here in the appellate case, "Yu Hl v. O'Rourke." The judgment of Mr. Hannen has given great satisfaction to all men who prefer equity to the common law; and justice to legality. Leaving all legal technicalities and the subtleties of the jurisconsult out of the question there is only one opinion, viz., that Mr. Grant must leave Yu Hl Tails 4,000, that he was under the impression that he had left her that sum; and that it was an imperative moral obligation on his friends to see that she got it if possible. The case unhappily showed up much of the seamy side of Taku life and indeed of outport life generally, but it is widely felt that Europeans would have lost face all round if on mere technical grounds the plaintiff had not obtained every cent of that which by overwhelming testimony it was shown the dying man meant to give her. The softness with which everybody concerned was let down was not the least admirable part of an admirably clear judgment. Feeling and not intellect decide these matters with the majority of men, and occasionally it is the safer guide of the two. Rationally or not, the esteem for the Appellate Court in Shanghai has risen considerably.

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J. MCLEAVY BROWN, Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon & District.
Custom House, Kowloon, 12th May, 1893. [551]

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By Command,

